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To the Board of Directors  
Hardee County Economic Development Authority  
Wauchula, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the general fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hardee County Economic Development Authority for the year ended September 30, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2012. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

**Our responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards***

As stated in our engagement letter dated August 1, 2011, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Hardee County Economic Development Authority. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of Hardee County Economic Development Authority's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

1. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.
2. We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.
3. We are also responsible for communicating Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, which govern the conduct of local government entity audits performed in the State of Florida. These matters are communicated in the management letter.

**Planned scope and timing of the audit**

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on July 25, 2011.

## **Significant audit findings**

### ***Qualitative aspects of accounting practices***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Hardee County Economic Development Authority are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1, Hardee County Economic Development Authority changed accounting policies related to fund balance by adopting Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB Statement) No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, in 2011.

We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. We noted no significant accounting estimates prepared by management.

### ***Difficulties encountered in performing the audit***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

### ***Corrected and uncorrected misstatements***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole. Management did not identify and we did not notify them of any uncorrected financial statement misstatements.

### ***Disagreements with management***

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### ***Management representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated February 7, 2012.

### ***Management consultations with other independent accountants***

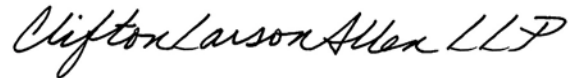
In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of

an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

***Other audit findings or issues***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of Hardee County Economic Development Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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Lakeland, Florida  
February 7, 2012